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## Resources for Tracking Stimulus Activities and Spending

Here are some great online resources to learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to track stimulus spending.

**U.S. Government.** The U.S. government's official website is Recovery.gov, which provides easy access to data related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. An abundance of data is available on contracts, grants, and loans at the agency, state, and zip code levels. Beginning October 30, 2009, all recipient reporting data (as submitted to

FederalReporting.gov) will be available for stimulus contracts (already posted), grants, and loans; this data will be updated as it



Track stimulus money down to the street level at Recovery.gov

becomes available and will incorporate quarterly reporting data provided by fund recipients. This data, along with that provided from the federal agencies, is used to create maps, charts, and tables on Recovery.gov.

**State of Illinois.** The State of Illinois' official recovery website is Recovery. Illinois. gov, which provides detailed information on ARRA spending at the county and agency level. In addition to a description of the project, data shows the amount awarded and disbursed to recipients.

## Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. CMAP created a

"Regional Response to the ARRA" blog at CMAP.Illinois.gov/Recovery as well as a bi-weekly Economic Recovery Update newsletter (sign up here). The blog is updated two to three times a week with information



relevant to grant recipients, elected officials and government staff, businesses, non-profit agencies, and residents of the region. Information sharing is also a major purpose of the Economic Recovery Update newsletter; information on new grant opportunities, upcoming deadlines, news items, and tracking and analysis of stimulus spending in the region is provided. The newsletter and blog also feature updates on the Regional ARRA Coordinating Council's activities and local examples of implementation and collaboration.



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**Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).** The IDOT has its own Recovery website at DOT.State.IL.US/Stimulus/index.html to track transportation projects funded by the stimulus. Also, IDOT's recently launched Construction Dashboard website (http://www.dot.il.gov/dashboardpublic) keeps up with stimulus-funded and all active construction contracts.

**ProPublica.** ProPublica is a non-profit that produces investigative journalism in the public interest.

Their "Eye on the Stimulus" website (ProPublica.org/ion/Stimulus) tracks ARRA spending and implementation progress as well detailed information on where funds are awarded and county summaries.



ProPublica tracks the progress of the stimulus

Stimulus Progress Bar

**States for a Transparent and Accountable Recovery.** This organization consists of groups working at state and local levels to monitor the transparency, accountability, equity and effectiveness of ARRA. Their website at AccountableRecovery.org provides state level evaluations of coordination and oversight, and policy debates.

**Coalition For an Accountable Recovery.** The Coalition's website at

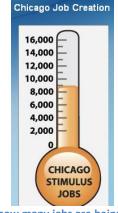
CoalitionForAnAccountableRecovery.org promotes accountability policies for the government and recipients of stimulus funds. The Coalition is currently developing a new system to track funding, and provides Recovery news and analysis.

Local Recovery Act Websites. Local governments often make available useful information on

ARRA funding and programs within their geography. This can include local plans, contact information, and funding updates. Below is a sample of local government recovery websites in the northeastern Illinois region:

- City of Chicago: http://recovery.cityofchicago.org
- **DuPage County**: http://co.dupage.il.us/generic.cfm?doc\_id=4263
- Kane County: http://countyofkane.org/pages/ARRA/arra.aspx
- Lake County:

http://lakecountyil.gov/CountyAdministrator/StimulusFundProjects.htm



See how many jobs are being created/saved in Chicago at http://recovery.cityofchicago.org